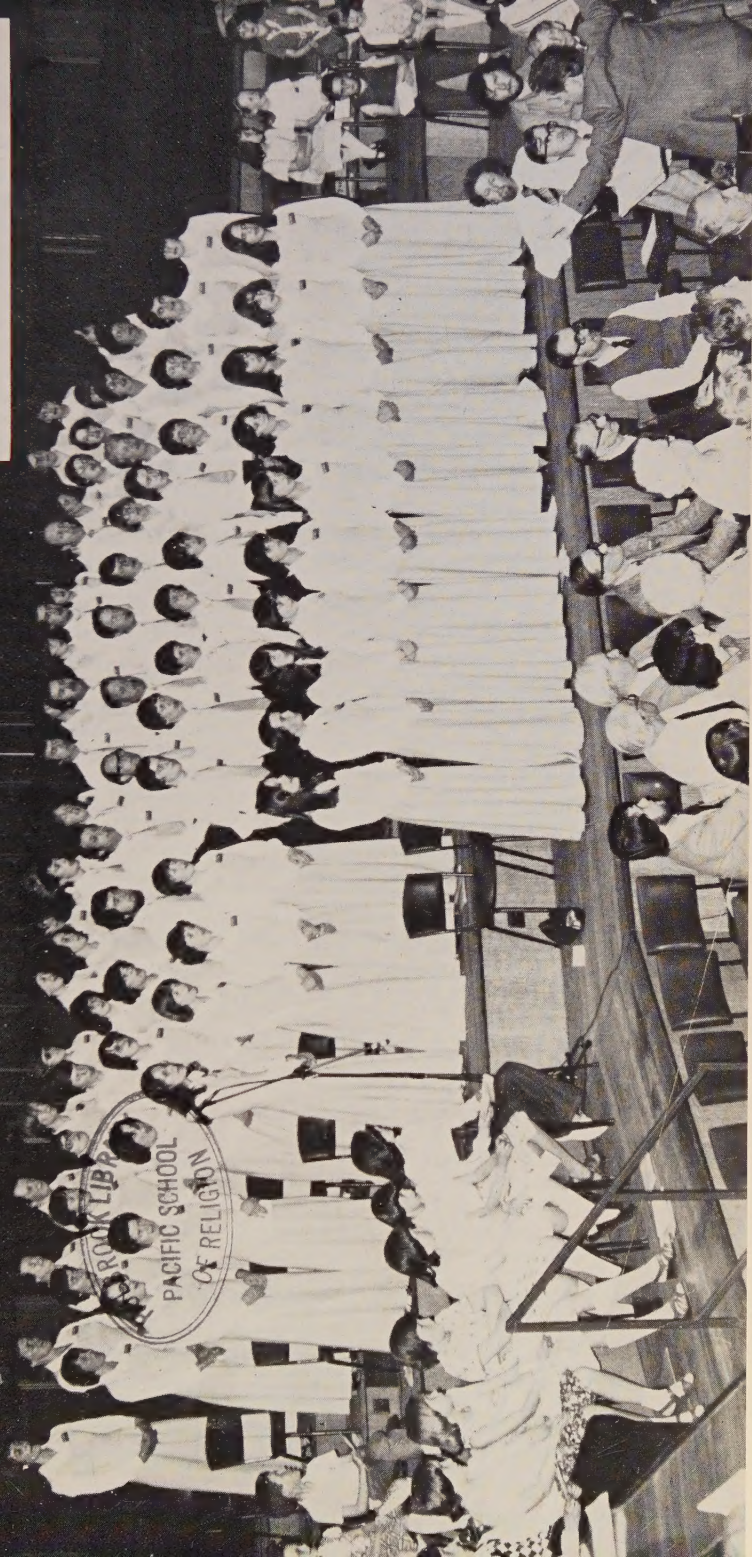


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The Cover . . .

The Scottish Endeavor Singers is an active group serving the Lord in many parts of Scotland. It is hoped that the singers will participate in the World's Convention in 1981 in Portland, Maine.

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AS I SEE IT

by Charles W. Barner

Many positive actions were taken by the Board of Trustees of the International Society at their annual meeting October 11-14, 1979, in Columbus, Ohio.

David G. Jackson was elected editor of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD and will begin his work with the next issue. We are grateful to Frances M. Becker who has served as editor for 1979. Thank you, "Becky" for a job well done.

The registration fee for the 19th World's and 56th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Portland, Maine, August 12-16, 1981, was set at \$20 (\$15 before February 2, 1980) for adults and \$10 for students 18 years of age and under. Please send your registration fee today to help with early costs for the convention.

The Board accepted a proposal by Dan Neidermyer to produce a film for International Christian Endeavor, "Triumph in the Street," based on Romans 12:9. Mr. Neidermyer will travel to many areas of North America to interview young people who wish to participate in this film.

May 24-26, 1980 — British Convention — Huddersfield, Yorkshire

July 12-21, 1980 — Area I Conference and Tour — Guatemala

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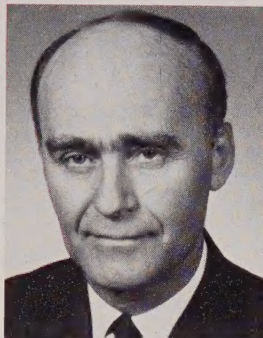
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From the Heart of the World's President

Arno Pagel



The September 1-3 meetings of the Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union were held in Kassel, Germany in 1979. Because I had undergone a herniotomy just a short time ago, I was very happy and grateful to God that the doctor allowed me to spend at least one day amidst my brothers and sisters in Christ from many lands. The fellowship we had together in prayer, frank discussions, stirring reports, and helpful decisions was a wonderful and very effective medicine for me.

As I sat among my Endeavor friends on September 3, 1979, many recollections came to mind. Two days and forty years earlier the Second World War had begun. The terrible years, 1939-1945, caused so much devastation to so many nations around the world. A dictator in my German country, Adolf Hitler, in his excessive and criminal dreams of world domination, had started this bloody tragedy. I was assigned as a soldier in the Signal Corps and transferred for some months to the city of Kassel.

There I had many opportunities to join in Christian services and was introduced to Christian Endeavor. In the early years of my ministry the Christian Endeavor movement had been practically unknown to me. I had been active in other Protestant youth groups, but now, in war time, I became acquainted with it through Otto Kaiser, then the President of the German Christian Endeavor Union, who lived in Kassel and became my friend. Kassel had a great Christian Endeavor tradition. One of the first German societies had been founded there and it had been the venue of the first National Convention.

In the last days of the war, Kassel had been destroyed by bombs. "Friedenshof" (Court of Peace), the blessed meeting place of the Kassel Endeavor group, lay in ruins. Otto Kaiser and thousands of others had to leave the city. When the war was over, I visited my friend in the small village of Heinebach, in the district of Hesse, where he had lived since his evacuation. Otto asked me if I were willing to become the full-time "Bundespfarrer" (General

Secretary) of the German Christian Endeavor Union. I accepted the call and an unforgettable time of blessing in the ruins of post-war Germany began. In big evangelistic campaigns and in many Bible Camps crowds of German young people, many of them disappointed and deceived by Hitler and his Nazi ideology, flocked and found a new meaningful life in Christ. Kassel became the center of the German Christian Endeavor movement.

It was a special day of encouragement for us when Dr. Daniel A. Poling, the President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, made his first visit to Kassel. He seemed deeply moved as he stood at the ruins of the former "Friedenshof." Our hearts were won when he told us that he was linked with us in the love of Christ and Christian Endeavor. He assured us that the German Christian Endeavor which, for many years, had been separated from all international contacts, was again a very welcome member in the world-wide family of our movement. This happened in 1947.

Only one year later a great Christian Endeavor conference was held in Bournemouth, England. It was the first time that four German leaders, of whom I was one, received permission to cross the boundaries of Germany since the end of the war. We arrived with the fearful question in our hearts: "How will we be received?" The first words we said to our Christian brothers and sisters from America, Great Britain and many other parts of the world were a request for forgiveness. The answer was that all the hearts and all the arms were opened to us.

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World's Union Leaders



Coffee time in the Garden



German Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Kassel

A Vote of Appreciation

... is extended to the German Christian Endeavor Union which hosted the World's Union Board of Trustees in Kassel, Germany from August 31 through September 3, 1979.

Representatives from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Holland, Egypt, Lebanon, India, Germany and the United States were housed in two lovely buildings which comprise the German Christian Endeavor Headquarters. And then there was Helga, the very capable Headquarters' supervisor, house mother, bus driver, cook, tour leader, you-name-it, who took care of us.

The meetings started early and ran late into the night, but always the spirit of hospitality, Christian friendliness, and cooperative problem-solving prevailed.

The 4 p.m. coffee breaks in the delightful garden, accompanied by delicious German cake, helped us to get better acquainted.

Thank you Konrad and Jutta Brandt for making the arrangements, and to the German Union for the invitation.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WALL

As Seen By —

Charles Barner

It was my privilege to travel with a group of fourteen World's Union leaders to the German Democratic Republic September 4-9, 1979. After an enjoyable visit to East Berlin, Woltersdorf and Potsdam September 4-6, six of us traveled on to Herrnhut and Dresden September 6-9.

The pastor of the Moravian Church in Herrnhut told us that the men sit on one side of the church during the worship service and the women sit on the other side. While visiting the cemetery he further enlightened us that the men are buried in one area of the cemetery and the women in another.

We were impressed by the young men serving as district youth secretaries in the Fellowship Church. We met with young people in Dresden for an evening meal and time of companionship. While the main emphasis in the church is on Bible study, there is great concern for the physical well being of people. The Marburg Mission near Dresden cares for infant children until they are three years old and then go to the government-operated school. The Moravian Church in Herrnhut has extensive work in caring for retarded children. In Woltersdorf there is a hospital with modern equipment to care for the physical needs of people in that area.

It was interesting to talk with church leaders about the facilities used for worship and Bible study. They said that



Youth Reports in Dresden

churches in the past were built to the glory of God without much concern for the comfort of people. Today they are built with the comfort needs of people in mind.

We shall never forget the beautiful spirit of our Christian brethren in the German Democratic Republic and their expression of love as they hosted us in their country.

Konrad Brandt

It was an unforgettable experience for the 14 visitors to the German Democratic Republic who toured the area under the leadership of the Gnadauer youth group. Some of these leaders had taken time off and were delighted to welcome us, especially since two of their members had been granted government permission to attend the World's Convention in India last year.

Our first few hours in East Berlin were influenced by the kilt which Jim Murdoch, of Scotland, wore. It opened the conversational door with a class of young people in the Palace of the Republic. They asked questions about religion, unemployment in the West, who we were and where we came from, even though their teacher may not have been too happy about the encounter.

One must remember that, because of restrictions, it cannot be the Christian Endeavor Society that ties the east and



Gnadau President Martens, Gotthold Blumrich, Dr. Clyde Meadows

west together. It is the call of Jesus and the response of His people there and here that lays the foundation for growth and fellowship. The possibilities and the limits within which we labor for God need constant evaluation. I have noticed everywhere the great opportunity to reach people of our day, personally, with the Word of God. Then we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit as people speak together. There was much opportunity for soul-searching conversation during our visit, with the result of a strengthening of faith on both sides.

Do not forget your sisters and brothers in the German Democratic Republic. They await your visit. They cannot travel. You can. Keep them in your prayers.

Clyde Meadows

It was a most rewarding experience to visit with the Christian leaders beyond "The Wall" in the German Democratic Republic early in September, 1979. A group of about a dozen Christian Endeavorers who had attended the Board of Trustees' meetings of the World's Union at Kassel, Germany, were granted visas and crossed from West Berlin to East Berlin at "Check Point Charlie." A half-dozen leaders of the youth movement of the Federation of Protestant Churches in the G.D.R. met us and it was a thrill to see the joy on their faces as they greeted us as Christians from other parts of the world. They thought of everything: a restaurant for dinner, a sight-seeing tour of East Berlin, and even an envelope for each of us with over 30 G.D.R. marks in it, since we did not have their currency.

That evening, we were taken to Woltersdorf, which was the headquarters of the German Christian Endeavor Union before the Second World War. For some years after the war, these buildings had been boarded up but now they are the headquarters for the youth activities of the Gemeinschaft, a training center for young people preparing for the ministry, a book store with a good supply of Bibles and other Christian literature as well as a full-fledged hospital, which makes the other activities possible.

It is obvious that the G.D.R. has made every effort to impress its visitors favorably. The main streets of East Berlin, the capital of the G.D.R., were show places. The beautiful Palace of the People was built almost entirely of glass. It was in the "Palace" that we met over a hundred young athletes who became interested in us and gathered around us to ask questions. These were eager open-minded young people.

We visited the historic city of Potsdam and, again, we saw the effort to make a good impression although, within a block rubble could be seen if one looked closely.

I was deeply impressed by the dedication and friendliness of the Christian people I met and the signs of deep devotion to Christ as well as the warm desire for Christian fellowship. They sang with strong voice

*"He is Lord, He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead,
and He is Lord!*

*Ev'ry knee shall bow,
ev'ry tongue confess*

That Jesus Christ is Lord."

and thus expressed their fervent faith.



East and West meet in Woltersdorf

PROFILES



Jane Ann Snow

Jane comes from a dedicated Christian family, but it wasn't until she attended a 1964 Christian Endeavor convention in Westerville, Ohio, that she recognized "the difference between being just a Christian and being a disciple of Christ."

On her return home to Evansville, Indiana, she, and other teens from her church, worked under the guidance of her parents, Major and Betty Snow, in organizing and building a Christian Endeavor society. The society grew as Jane's own role developed from member, to secretary, to District Vice-President, to an Indiana State Representative and, eventually, to Associate President of the International Society of Christian Endeavor for two terms. Currently, Jane is serving on their Executive Committee as well as being President of the Illinois Christian Endeavor Union and sponsor of the youth group of her church.

Somewhere along the way, Jane acquired a B.A. from Indiana State and a Master's in Library Science from Indiana University. She is today a school librarian in Brimfield, Illinois.

The Schwenkfelders

The Schwenkfelder Church, located in eastern Pennsylvania, has Christian Endeavor as its youth organization and has demonstrated a high degree of involvement in and support of the movement. Dr. Jack Rothenberger, pastor of the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, has been pastoral counselor of the Pennsylvania State Union and presently serves on the International Educational Committee.

The Schwenkfelders received their name from Caspar Schwenkfelder, a Silesian nobleman in Germany. Although he approved of the Reformation, he disagreed with Martin Luther on certain doctrinal points, so the Schwenkfelders were persecuted by both Protestants and Catholics. Between 1731 and 1737, about 212 members migrated to Pennsylvania.

Twenty-five young people and adults from today's Schwenkfelder Church shared in the International Convention in Honolulu this year. From their report we've culled the following: "The convention was a time of exploration. The closing service, when Dr. Abraham Akaka spoke about the meaning of "Aloha," was, for us all, a most memorable moment. Aloha has a variety of beautiful meanings, but the deepest interpretation is as a reflection of unparalleled love, the kind of love Christ revealed in dying for us. This is the kind of love, too, that He asks us to show to others. That special message will continue to live on in all our lives as we go back to our local setting and work more vigorously for Christ and His church."



AROUND THE WORLD WITH CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

From Syria and Lebanon

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord," says the Psalmist and it is, indeed, a precious privilege to be in the service of our Lord in the troubled Middle East, especially in Lebanon, where people live in relative peace and uncertain future.

The Armenian Evangelical Christian Endeavor Union is almost one century old, beginning in 1884 in Turkey. It prospered until 1915 when the first World War disrupted its operation.

It was in 1923 that the Christian Endeavor movement was reorganized in Aleppo, Syria, from where it spread to Beirut, Lebanon and other cities in both countries. Although living conditions were not very encouraging, the enthusiasm and vision of the leaders have enhanced the opportunities of service granted to the Christian Endeavorers.

The Christian Endeavor Union of Syria and Lebanon is a fairly large and efficient organization, functioning within the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches of the Middle East. Though geographically divided into Syria and Lebanon, it is essentially one Union. The overall leadership rests in the general assembly of the Christian Endeavor Societies.

More than anything else in these hard-pressed and discouraging times, we need the prayers of our brethren for the Christian Endeavorers of Syria and Lebanon. We are also faced with a financial crisis regarding our Christian

Endeavor publication because the war has completely destroyed our printing operation. Since no-one can tell us when this war will end, we urgently need some help, at least for the coming two years, hoping by then that we shall be able to stand on our own feet.

May I ask you once more to pray for us, for each of us in Syria and Lebanon, that we may be able to continue in His service, always thanking Him for everything.

Aram H. Sarkissian

Chairman

C.E. Executive Committee

From Great Britain and Ireland

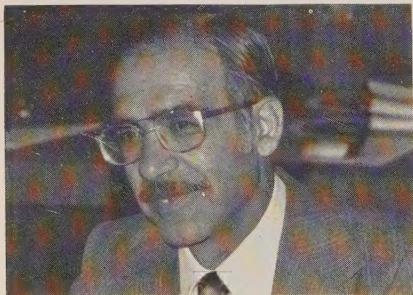
The British Christian Endeavor Union held its Annual Convention in Bristol during the May Holiday Week-end. The keynote, which was set by incoming President, Rev. S.A.G. Owen, an Anglican clergyman, was "Rise up and Build." The main speaker was Don Summers, a well-known evangelist, and a Bible Study on "Building" was presented by Rev. Ivor Tomlin of Bristol.

At the Youth Rally, the Young People's Convener, David Harvey, launched a Centenary Project of 100 hours of service in which the plea was extended to all Endeavorers to donate 100 extra hours of service to the Church and community. Many are already participating; indeed, one young lady has already fulfilled her pledge.

The 1980 Convention will be held in Huddersfield where Richard Lewis of Wales will be inducted as British President.

Numerous plans for the 100th Birthday of Christian Endeavor in 1981 are underway. The Centenary Convention in 1981 will take place in Birmingham from May 24-26. Rev. James Carson of Belfast, Ireland will be installed as President.

Many from Britain plan to be in Portland for the Centennial Celebration from August 12th to 16th, 1981, and a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise in Westminster Central Hall, London, will afford an opportunity to praise God for the vision given to Dr. Francis E. Clark and



Aram Sarkissian from Lebanon



Officers of the Irish C.E. Union

the inception of Christian Endeavor.

In the meantime, a logo has been designed for all Centenary publicity on notepaper, ties, diaries, pens, and a specially designed badge. We have also contacted the Postal Authorities, requesting a special issue of a postage stamp and have received an encouraging reply.

Jim Heron
National Organizer

From Holland

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord!

We are ever aware, as Christians, of the need for planning for the future. With this in mind, we have, as a Dutch Christian Endeavor Union established themes for the next three years:

1980 — Who Are We? What Do We Want?

1981 — What Are We Doing? How Do We Live Together?

1982 — What Is Our Message and For Whom?

In Holland we feel that missionary work is very important. This year, our young people raised 9,250 guilders to be shared between a children's home in Taiwan and two Christian Endeavor couples from Rotterdam who are in Thailand.

We have been working with Christian Endeavorers in some of our neighboring countries. We ask your prayers for young members of the only Christian Endeavor society in Belgium. Because their language is French, it is difficult for them to share in our Dutch conventions; however, a delegation from Holland plans to visit them next year.

Some of our brothers and sisters from the German Democratic Republic are hoping to come to the Dutch Convention

next year. We have also met with Austrian and German Christian Endeavorers in Villach, Austria for the organization of a Christian Endeavor youth camp. It is really true that our Lord Jesus Christ brings His children together from all over the world.

Joke Schout

From Scotland

Looking back over 1979, we are happy to report that our Annual Convention, held in Aberdeen, was blessed of the Lord with a record number attending. The summer camps at Kelso in the Border areas of Scotland and the Orkney Isles in the North were also a time of blessing as souls were saved and young people rededicated their lives to Christ.

So the Christian Endeavor scene in Scotland is expanding, with a growing Junior section, a Young People's section which is seeing the results of this Junior work, and a Senior section which finds itself engaged in the work of the Church.

Training is always uppermost in our minds, and it was good to see an increase in the numbers attending the Junior Leaders' Annual Conference.

Our alumni, or boys and girls of the old brigade, is also seeing its numbers grow and this is shown in its financial support to the National Union.

Out of our work among the young people has grown the Scottish Endeavor Singers, a group of around 100 which is rejoicing in the Lord as it serves Him in many parts of the Country.

We rejoice that Christian Endeavor is playing a vital role in the church programme of many of our Scottish Churches.

George Campbell
General Secretary

From Ireland

The Irish Christian Endeavor Union held its annual conference in the Christian Conference Centre in Castlewellan, near to the Mourne Mountains in County Down. The theme was "Rise and Build," and very challenging sermons were preached by Pastor Robert Dunlop.

The new President, the Reverend D.A. Levistone Cooney, a Methodist minister of Cloughjordan in County Tipperary, is the author of the official history of Irish Christian Endeavor, which has been produced for the Centenary. In this book, the author reminds us that the first Christian Endeavor society was formed in the Agnes Street Presbyterian Church, Belfast on September 30th, 1889 under the leadership of Miss Margaret Magill. Today, there are over 6,000 members, found mainly in the Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, and the Church of Ireland, with a few in the Baptist and Congregational churches and in the Society of Friends.

Throughout the country, Endeavorers are planning to celebrate the Centenary of Christian Endeavor. Thanksgiving rallies are planned for the weekend of February 1st, 1981. In May, the choir formed for the World Convention in Belfast in 1966, will hold a Centenary Concert. The Centenary Convention will be held in Belfast, September 18th — 20th, with Rev. Arno Pagel bringing the Keynote address. The Reverend John Blanchard will be the Convention speaker.

Other plans include a Christian Endeavor pageant, written by the Reverend D.A. Levistone Cooney, evangelistic campaigns, a centenary

dinner, and tree planting ceremonies in the grounds of Christian Endeavor Churches.

Irish Christian Endeavor is determined to make the celebrations of the Centenary a worthy memorial to the memory of Dr. and Mrs. Francis Clark, and to the honour of Christ and the Church.

H.L. Frank Bolster

From India

Three very fine publications have just been received from Mr. B.K. Pramanik, Hon. General Secretary of the India Christian Endeavor Union. The pamphlets contain excellent program material, historical notes, news reports, and Christian Endeavor essentials.

The India Christian Endeavor Union is sponsoring a project called "PROMISE" (Project Mission and Evangelization). The aim of this project is to support committed Christians for theological training to become missionaries, evangelists, and pastors.

In December, 1979, the German and Indian Christian Endeavorers will hold a retreat at Kanyakumari. It will afford a unique opportunity for those attending to sing, pray, and study God's word.

As Mr. J.S. Delvis, President of the India Christian Endeavor Union states, "It is my wish that we revitalize and strengthen each and every state and local union so that we will serve Christ more effectively in true Christian fellowship."

God has given us the gift of His own Son. Let us all give ourselves to Him for His glory."



German youth representing worldwide Christian Fellowship

Michele says . . .



"We've a story to tell to the nations."

What a joyous time was shared with Christian friends at the International Convention in Honolulu this July. The above song is still ringing in my ears.

As I think of the Convention, the Christian Endeavor Organization, and my life, I've truly begun to realize that we, as Christians, do have a story to tell to all nations.

Christian Endeavor has played a vital role in my church life as well as my personal living. When the way seemed dim, Jesus Christ was there to smooth the path. Our beloved organization has enabled me to have a close and personal relationship with my Lord. With the warmth that is received from such a kinship and a joy that comes from fellowship with Christ's people, it seems only fitting that we should share such happiness with others.

The year 1981 marks the 100th anniversary of this movement founded by Dr. Francis E. Clark. He was striving for a working program to educate his young people spiritually and, in the process, has helped to instruct the youth of many generations. It is not difficult to see the need for the continuation of Christian Endeavor in the years to come. What better way can this be accomplished than through organizing and supporting societies in local churches, thus letting all nations know of the story we have come to tell.

Michele C. Saunders
Associate President,
International Christian
Endeavor

Guatemala Says . . .

"Vengan a mi pais"

From July 17-20, 1980, the Guatemala Christian Endeavorers are inviting Area I to hold its 7th Conference in Guatemala City. This will provide an opportunity to share God's love and our Christian responsibilities with Spanish-speaking Endeavorers from Guatemala, Mexico and South America.

The Program Committee has already made arrangements for the evening meetings to be held in the Central Presbyterian Church, with the following highlights:

July 17 — Nathaniel Jarrett, V.P.,
International Society of Christian
Endeavor

July 18 — John Shackelford

July 19 — Cultural Program

July 20 — Arno Pagel, President,
World's Christian Endeavor

The day-time sessions and Bible Study periods will be held at Camp Mt. Sion in the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains.

Young people who wish to take their sleeping bags and stay at this Camp instead of hotels will receive a substantial reduction in tour cost and have the opportunity of camping with Guatemalan young people.



"MUSIC AT THE CONVENTION . . .

. . . a view from the piano!"



Jane Bartholomew at the piano

The thrilling, exciting look and sound of young people singing . . . the excitement and color of the music of Polynesia . . . graceful dancing . . . the sound of stringed instruments — all these will be remembered by those fortunate enough to have been at our Christian Endeavor convention in Honolulu in July, 1979. Each evening at the Waikiki Band Shell, sessions began with music as Hawaiian youth performed.

To be able to be a part of the music team of this convention, with Bill Kolb from Philadelphia at the organ, was thrilling. To view, from the piano, our song leader, Bernie Smith, was equally enjoyable as he brought this large group together as one choir. It is a challenging assignment to have a large audience sing well in an outdoor setting, but Bernie did it.

In Town Hall things were never dull as we sang fun songs and state songs. Who could forget Rev. James Murdock of Scotland, assisted by his wife, Betty, singing about his kilt, or our German Endeavor friends singing in their own language. Music is universal.

One of the convention high points was watching young Hawaiians, Scott and Suzanne, dance their lovely hula to the sound of the ukelele, guitar, string bass, and gentle Hawaiian voices.

Even as Dr. Abraham Akaka shared with us the meaning of "Aloha," he used music as he 'untuned' his ukelele, and then brought it back into tune as an example of God's love or 'aloha.'

In the closing moments of the convention, our Hawaiian hosts, led by Georgia Kay, sang their farewell, "Aloha-Oe." The singing spread across the band shell until the whole audience was linked together in this song. There were tears with the realization that our lovely convention was over.

As a teenager at a Christian Endeavor conference, I asked the Lord to keep me in Christian Endeavor and to use me in its ministry of music. He has been faithful and has done far more than I could ever have asked or thought. When we offer our little talents to Him, He returns them with spiritual "interest." How I praise and thank God for allowing me to share in this very special convention in a very special way.

Jane Bartholomew



Young people's choir at convention

"God So Loved The World

... that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

At this time of year the World's Christian Endeavor Union says to each of you:



Did we miss yours? Write it here!

BRITISH HOLIDAY HOMES

Have you been considering a trip to the British Isles? During our recent visit to England and Scotland we discovered that there are several holiday homes and guest houses that are sponsored by the British Christian Endeavor Union. These places would be available to overseas visitors as they travel through the British Isles.

The British Christian Endeavor Headquarters, located at Leamington Spa near Coventry, is only 10 to 12 miles from

historic Stratford-on-Avon. If you are visiting that area, guest rooms with meals furnished are available in the Headquarters building.

England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland all have holiday homes where lodging with meals is provided at a reasonable cost. When you decide what areas you wish to visit, contact the International Society for further information and details about the location of these holiday homes.

Dave Jackson

BITS AND PIECES

The Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union was pleased that President Arno Pagel was able to attend the meetings in Kassel, Germany. President Pagel is still recovering from a recent hernia operation.

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The Christian Endeavor Longtimers of Philadelphia honored Jim and Louise Zinger for Jim's long years of service, especially as treasurer of this organization. A check for \$100 was sent to International, registering Jim and Louise, as the first two registrants, for the World's Christian Endeavor Convention in 1981 in Portland, Maine. Hope to see you there, Jim and Louise.

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Happy silver anniversary to the Berhampur, Orissa, Christian Endeavor Union in India. Over 2,000 attended the celebration, and Mr. Prakash Yesudian spoke at all of the evening sessions.

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It's just good business procedure for Christian Endeavor visitors from all countries to all countries to clear their visits with their national Unions and/or the World's Union. This insures better communication and arrangements.

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If you want to learn to communicate, play ball with one Hollander, two Germans, and two Lebanese kids. Ask Dave Jackson how it worked. He's now speaking pidgeon English.



*Dave Jackson
using German
sign language
in Kassel*



This is a youth group of the Dresden Fellowship Movement traveling to Bad Blankenburg to the conference of the Evangelical Alliance.

* * *

We wish a speedy recovery to Marion Hoopes of Pennsylvania who suffered a stroke in August.

Bill Sharpe, General Secretary of Area II, was not able to attend the meetings in Kassel because of the illness of his wife, Marie. We wish her a speedy recovery.

* * *

We express our sincere sympathy to the family of James Russ who was killed in an automobile accident in September. Jim, age 21, was the Senior High Christian Endeavor advisor in the Central Schwenkfelder Church in Worcester, Pennsylvania. He had attended the convention in Hawaii with members of his group.

We are also shocked by the sudden death of Olin Badeaux, husband of Edna, who is president of the Tennessee Union. Remember these families in your prayers.



President, Lavern Billig

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Lavern Billig

"Looking Forward"

It's great to be a Christian. As Christians, we have so much to look forward to. What are you anticipating in 1980? . . . a closer walk with Christ? . . . a better understanding of the Bible? . . . becoming a more effective witness for Christ? . . . courage to defend what you believe?

I am looking forward to all of the above and even more. Hundreds of new Christian Endeavor societies can be formed in 1980 by those who seek to serve Christ. One-by-one this can be done. Several new State Unions can be organized. A single key leader in a state can make this possible. Many new and renewed memberships can be secured and forwarded to the International Society of Christian Endeavor. With the cost of such memberships being so reasonable, I believe the response will be exceptionally

good, especially as we plan for our 100th Anniversary. By the way, has yours been forwarded?

I am looking forward to more people becoming involved as leaders in the counties, states, and provinces. Have you thought about the beginning of the Christian Endeavor Pledge lately? "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise Him that I will strive to do whatever He would like to have me do." Do you think He would like to have you use your talent in serving as a county, state, or provincial leader? Someone has said, "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do; and, what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

1980 can be a memorable time. Together, let's make this a significant year for Christian Endeavor.

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We were not refused, as banned people. We were received as brothers in the family of God. In Christian Endeavor we were not strangers; we felt at home.

These were the experiences which I recalled on that 3rd of September in the Headquarters of the German Christian Endeavor Union in Kassel. I thanked God

that I was again at home in the world-wide relationship of our beloved Christian Endeavor movement. May God bless abundantly all our Unions and all our members wherever they strive to serve Christ and His Church and to extend His Kingdom among young people of many nations.

Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tours

GUATEMALA TOUR

July 12-21, 1980

Join Christian Endeavorers on a visit to the land of eternal spring—Guatemala—with an average temperature of mid-60's summer and winter in the capital city.

Attend the Seventh Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 17-20, 1980.

Visit GUATEMALA CITY, perched in the highlands of the Sierra Madre Mountains; ANTI-GUA, once the capital of Spanish America;

CHICHICASTENANGO—the Mayan Market held in "Chichi" is a colorful sight; LAKE ATITLAN, set in the cone of a gigantic volcano; and TIKAL, a remote Mayan archeological city. Tour cost is \$599 from Miami.

PASSION PLAY TOUR

July 31 - August 12, 1980

Travel with Endeavorers from North America to the heart of Europe. Spend three days at the German Christian Endeavor Convention in Giessen, visit the Marburg Mission of which Arno Pagel, World's Christian Endeavor Union President, is director, and develop friendships with German Christians. Konrad Brandt, the German overseas secretary, and his wife Jutta will serve as our tour escorts as we travel through the Bavarian Alps and attend the Oberammergau Passion Play.

This all expense, personally conducted tour will depart New York July 31 and return to New York August 12, 1980. The price for the Passion Play Tour is \$1099.

Rev. Charles W. Barner, Tour Director

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